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CATTLE ON FEED

On January 1, 2000, Arizona had 272,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 32 percent from a year ago and 17,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 36,000 head, 64 percent above December 1998. During December, 25,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 11 percent from last December.

On January 1, 2000, California had 415,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 4 percent from last January and 10,000 head from a month ago. Placements totaled 67,000 head, up 34 percent from December 1998. During December, 47,000 head were marketed, down 15 percent from last December.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.46 million head on January 1, 2000. The inventory was 7 percent above January 1, 1999 and 3 percent above January 1, 1998. The inventory included 6.83 million steers and steer calves, up 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.56 million head, up 10 percent from January 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.65 million, 9 percent above 1998 and 6 percent above 1997. Net placements were 1.56 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 465,000, 600-699 pounds were 498,000, 700-799 pounds were 422,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 261,000. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.84 million, 1 percent above 1998 and 5 percent above 1997. Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during December, 6 percent above both 1998 and 1997.

Cattle on feed January 1, 2000, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.73 million, up 8 percent from the previous year and 3 percent above January 1, 1998. The inventory included 5.76 million steers and steer calves, up 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 59 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.93 million head, up 11 percent from January 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.41 million, 13 percent above 1998 and 8 percent above 1997. Marketings during December totaled 1.60 million, 2 percent above 1998 and 7 percent above 1997. Other disappearance during December was 75,000 head, up 9 percent from 1998 and 10 percent above 1997.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, NUMBER PLACED ON FEED, NUMBER MARKETED, AND OTHER DISAPPEARANCE, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, BY MONTH, STATE, AND UNITED STATES 1998-2000

STATE 1/	Number on Feed 2/						Placements			Marketings			Other Disappearance		
	December 1			January 1			During December			During December			During December 3/		
	1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999	1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998	1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998	1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
*AZ	214	265	124	206	272	132	22	36	164	28	25	89	2	4	200
*CA	410	405	99	400	415	104	50	67	134	55	47	85	5	10	200
*CO	1,190	1,220	103	1,140	1,180	104	170	160	94	210	190	90	10	10	100
ID	285	320	112	285	310	109	55	50	91	50	59	118	5	1	20
*IA	320	* 370	117	335	375	112	53	45	85	36	39	108	2	1	50
*KS	2,250	2,380	106	2,110	2,290	109	320	400	125	440	480	109	20	10	50
*NE	2,160	2,380	110	2,110	2,300	109	330	340	103	370	400	108	10	20	200
NM	110	109	99	118	116	98	19	15	79	9	5	56	2	3	150
OK	430	440	102	410	430	105	58	53	91	76	60	79	2	3	150
SD	179	186	104	184	194	105	32	31	97	26	22	85	1	1	100
*TX	2,860	2,980	104	2,720	2,900	107	305	360	118	425	420	99	20	20	100
WA	210	241	115	199	228	115	33	38	115	40	48	120	4	3	75
Other															
Sts	445	445	100	450	445	99	65	51	78	58	47	81	2	4	200
US	11,063	* 11,741	106	10,667	11,455	107	1,512	1,646	109	1,823	1,842	101	85	90	106

* Revised.

1/ States indicated with an asterisk are the historic seven states preparing monthly estimates of cattle on feed.

2/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

3/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

CATTLE AND CALVES

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2000, totaled 98.0 million head, 1 percent below the 99.1 million on January 1, 1999 and 2 percent below the 99.7 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.7 million, were slightly below the 42.9 million on January 1, 1999 and 1 percent below the 43.1 million two years ago. Beef cows, at 33.5 million, were down 1 percent from both January 1, 1999 and two years ago. Milk cows, at 9.19 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 1999 but slightly below two years ago.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2000, and the changes from January 1 last year and two years ago, respectively, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.5 million, down 1 percent and

down 1 percent. Beef replacement heifers, 5.53 million, down slightly and down 4 percent. Milk replacement heifers, 3.95 million, down 3 percent and down 1 percent. Other heifers, 10.0 million, down 1 percent and slightly below two years ago. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.7 million, down 1 percent and down 3 percent. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.29 million, up 1 percent and up 1 percent. Calves under 500 pounds, 16.8 million, down 3 percent and down 3 percent. All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 14.0 million, up 6 percent and up 3 percent.

The 1999 calf crop was estimated at 38.7 million head, down slightly from 1998 and down 1 percent from 1997. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 28.5 million, the same as 1998 but down slightly from 1997.

CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER BY CLASS AND CALF CROP, ARIZONA AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1, 1999-00 1/

CLASS	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Cattle and Calves	810.0	840.0	104	99,115.0	98,048.0	99
Cows and Heifers that have calved	350.0	335.0	96	42,878.4	42,733.8	100
Beef Cows	218.0	200.0	92	33,745.4	33,546.0	99
Milk Cows	132.0	135.0	102	9,133.0	9,187.8	101
Heifers 500 pounds and over	97.0	88.0	91	19,774.2	19,528.3	99
For Beef Cow replacement	40.0	39.0	98	5,535.3	5,529.8	100
For Milk Cow replacement	23.0	26.0	113	4,068.8	3,953.7	97
Other Heifers	34.0	23.0	68	10,170.1	10,044.8	99
Steers 500 pounds and over	210.0	210.0	100	16,890.9	16,652.2	99
Bulls 500 pounds and over	22.0	22.0	100	2,281.1	2,293.7	101
Calves under 500 pounds	131.0	185.0	141	17,290.4	16,840.0	97

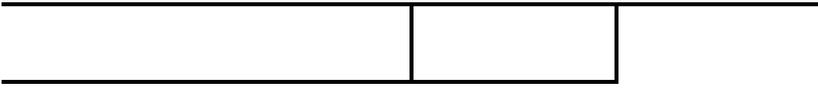
1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

CALF CROP: ARIZONA AND UNITED STATES 1998 AND 1999

CLASS	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
	1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998	1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Calf Crop	285.0	280.0	98	38,812.1	38,710.4	100

ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS: SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1, 1999-00

CLASS	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
All Sheep and Lambs	140.0	155.0	111	7,215.0	7,026.0	97
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	68.0	66.0	97	5,299.0	5,163.0	97
Sheep one year & older	58.0	58.0	100	4,322.0	4,228.0	98
Ewes	55.0	55.0	100	4,118.7	4,022.5	102
Rams	3.0	3.0	100	203.3	205.5	101
Replacement Lambs	7.0	5.0	71	773.7	729.5	94
Market Sheep and Lambs	72.0	89.0	124	1,916.0	1,863.0	97
Sheep	1.0	1.0	100	82.5	80.0	97
Lambs	71.0	88.0	124	1,833.5	1,783.0	97
under 65 lbs	14.0	12.0	87	490.4	450.6	92
65 to 84 lbs	15.0	22.0	147	328.1	313.0	95
85 to 105 lbs	13.0	26.0	200	513.0	477.0	93
over 105 lbs	29.0	28.0	97	502.0	542.4	108



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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DROPS 2 POINTS

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in January was 90 based on 1990-92=100, down 2 points (2.2 percent) from the December index. Lower prices for broilers, milk, turkeys, and tomatoes more than offset price increases for corn, lettuce, soybeans, and cotton. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affects the overall index. Lower seasonal marketings of cotton, tobacco, grapes, and cottonseed more than offset the relatively higher marketings of corn, soybeans, cattle, and rice. These marketing changes account for one point of the January index decrease.

Compared with January 1999, the All Farm Products Index was 7 points (7.2 percent) lower. Price decreases from January 1999 for

milk, soybeans, cotton, and corn more than offset price increases for cattle, hogs, lettuce, and apples.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The January Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 118 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from December but 3 points (2.6 percent) above January 1999. Lower prices in January for feed concentrates, potash and phosphate materials, and insecticides were offset by higher prices for feed grains, complete feeds, feeder pigs, and feed supplements.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., JANUARY 1999 AND 2000 AND DECEMBER 1999

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		January 1999 Entire Month	December 1999 Entire Month	January 2000 Mid-Month	January 1999 Entire Month	December 1999 Entire Month	January 2000 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	0.561	0.431	8/	0.591	0.430	0.444
Cottonseed	\$ Ton	148.00	126.00	124.00	139.00	99.00	101.00
All Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	4.78	2.52	2.52
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	5.04	2.96	3.00
Winter Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	4.53	2.27	2.35
All Hay Baled	\$ Ton	3/ 80.00	3/ 76.00	81.00	3/ 78.80	3/ 71.10	71.80
Alfalfa Hay Baled	\$ Ton	3/ 80.00	3/ 76.00	82.00	3/ 81.40	3/ 73.20	74.10
Other Hay Baled	\$ Ton	3/ 70.00	3/ 65.00	58.00	3/ 71.00	3/ 65.90	65.90
Grapefruit 4/	\$ Box	11.60	2/	2/	13.30	15.20	11.80
Oranges 4/	\$ Box	35.40	17.80	14.50	22.00	15.20	14.00
Lemons 4/	\$ Box	26.00	26.60	32.40	26.80	27.50	31.40
Tangerines 4/	\$ Box	33.30	23.40	27.80	31.80	21.50	26.80
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	34.80	33.30	34.20	33.10	35.10	35.20
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	60.60	68.20	68.60	62.40	70.80	70.70
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	60.30	67.50	68.30	59.00	66.60	66.60
Calves	\$ Cwt	81.30	90.40	90.40	81.90	98.60	102.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	17.60	10.90	11.40	17.70	12.20	11.90

1/ Includes both spot and contract sales.

2/ Not available for Arizona.

3/ Mid-month.

4/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Grapefruit 67 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs., Lemons 76 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs.

5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

6/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

7/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

8/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

U.S. PRICE INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1990-92 = 100	1998	1999	1999	2000
	December	January	December	January
Prices Received	98	97	92	90
Prices Paid	114	115	118	118
Ratio 1/	86	84	78	76

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.